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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the section entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings," with the following replacement section:

Brief Description of the Drawings

[0016] The above mentioned and other features will now be described with reference to the drawings of the present securement system. The shown embodiments are intended to illustrate, but not to limit the invention. The drawings contain the following figures:

[0017] FIGURE 1 is a top view of one embodiment of a securement device in accordance with this disclosure.

[0018] FIGURE 1A is a side view of the device of FIGURE 1.

[0019] FIGURE 2 is a top view of the anchor pad of the securement device of FIGURE 1.

[0020] FIGURE 3 is a front view of the anchor pad of FIGURE 2.

[0021] FIGURE 4 is a bottom view of the base of the securement device of FIGURE 1.

[0022] FIGURE 5 is a top view of the base of the securement device of FIGURE 1.

[0023] FIGURE 6 is a front view of the base of FIGURE 5.

[0024] FIGURE 6A is a detail section view of FIGURE 6.

[0025] FIGURE 6B is a detail view of region B of FIGURE 6A.

[0026] FIGURE 6C is a detail top view of the base of FIGURE 5.

[0027] FIGURE 6D is a detail front view of the post of the base of FIGURE 6.

[0028] FIGURE 6E is a detail of the cap of the base of FIGURE 5.

FIGURE 7 is a perspective view of the securement device of Figure 1 shown with the caps in the closed position and the exemplary catheter positioned in and retained by the retainer.

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following paragraph:

[0030] The following description and Figures describing various preferred embodiments are made to demonstrate various configurations of possible systems in accordance with the current invention. The embodiments illustrated can be used with a variety of medical devices, including various catheters that include wings with suture holes. One particular such

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catheter is the Arrow MAC™ catheter 500 (See Figure 7) from Arrow International of Reading, PA. This catheter 500 includes a catheter body 510 which provides a pair of lateral wings 520, 530, each of which includes a suture hole 540, 550 disposed to a lateral side of the elongated catheter lumens.

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following paragraph:

[0036] As is illustrated in Figure 7 In general, the retainer 120 can be used to hold a medical article 500 by placing the medical article 500 onto the base 130 of the retainer 120 in such a way that the posts 140 extend through one or more holes 540, 550 of the medical article. The caps 150 may then be secured in a covered position over the top of the posts 140 in order to prevent inadvertent disengagement between the medical article 500 and the retainer 120. Further examples will be provided in the description which follows.

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following paragraph:

[0040] As a further alternative, a hydrocolloid adhesive can advantageously be used upon the anchor pad for attaching the anchor pad to the skin of the patient. The hydrocolloid adhesive has less of a tendency to excoriate the skin of a patient when removed. This can be particularly important for patients whose skin is more sensitive or fragile, such as those with a collagen deficiency. Other alternative devices may include the use of more than one type of adhesive on different portions of the lower surface of the anchor pad. This may be of particular use when the [[are]] area of the anchor pad below the base 130 of the retainer 120 requires greater securement to the patient's skin.

Please replace paragraph [0053] with the following paragraph:

[0053] Also, it should be noted that the protrusion need not extend in the same manner, or to the same extent, around the entire circumference of the post. For instance, in the illustrated securement device (shown most clearly in FIGURE 6C), the protrusion extends in the lateral directions from each post 140, but not significantly in the longitudinal directions. As can be seen in the FIGURE, the protrusions of the head 370 are seen [[from]] to not extend from the post in the longitudinal directions.

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Please replace paragraph [0057] with the following paragraph:

[0057] It should also be noted that the outer dimension of the cap 150, identified as dimension "D" in FIGURE 6E, is preferably larger than the size of the openings of the medical article or fitting to be secured. This allows the cap 150, once snapped over the posts 140 into the covered configuration, to inhibit any motion of the medical article in the transverse direction that would allow the post to be removed from the opening of the medical article. The cap 150 can also include a finger tab 440 or other extension to simplify removal of the cap 150 from the posts 140 by a medical practitioner to re-establish the uncovered configuration. As can be seen most clearly in FIGURES 6 and 6E, the tab 440 can extend from the lower portion of the cap 150 away from the center of the cap. The tab 440 preferably extends far enough that a medical practitioner can easily press upward upon the tab 440 in order to snap the cap 150 [[it]] off of the head 370 of the post 140.